

Bingaman statement on Abraham resignation

WASHINGTON - "I think Secretary Abraham served the president well at the Department of Energy. I have appreciated his willingness to consider my views on many energy issues, and to work with me on other issues over which DOE has jurisdiction.

"Spencer Abraham understood how important Sandia and Los Alamos are to the country, and he strongly supported them over the past four years. It will be essential for the new energy secretary to have same knowledge and understanding of our labs so that they continue to play a major research and development role."

"As for management of [Los Alamos National Laboratory], I fully expect that the department will stick with its current timeline for issuing its request for proposals and for awarding a new contract by next fall."